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The African lady cleaning the Masjid, Umme Mahjan Radhiallaahu Anha had passed away and was buried the same night. The next day Rasulullaah Sallalaahu Allaihi Wasallam enquired of her whereabouts. He was informed of her death, so he performed a Janazah Salaah as reported by Ibn Abbas Radhiallaahu Anhuma at her Qabar, which is exclusive to Rasulullaah Sallalaahu Allaihi Wasallam according to the Hanafi Madhab.

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ان هذه القبور مملوؤة ظلما ينوره الله تعالى بصلاة عليها

The graves are dark places which are lit up by my praying on them. After a few days Rasulullaah Sallalaahu Allaihi Wasallam saw her in a dream picking up dirt from the floor of the Masjid while cleaning the Masjid, which was an indication of acceptance of her service/work.
Cleaning and purifying is an integral and fundamental part of the Deen.

Tasawwuf is not simply about Zikr.

إصلاح الظاهر و الباطن تحت ارشاد المرشد

Islaah/Correction is about purifying the external as well as the internal self under the guidance of a spiritual mentor. It is the correction of one's matrimony, worship, business dealings, home affairs, character and inheritance etc.

A Hadeeth refers to Surah Fatiha as **ام الكتاب** - *mother of the book*. A mother is one by whom all matters come together, on occasions and in all situations. The entire Qur'an is encapsulated in Surah Fatiha. One of the lessons in Surah Fatiha is: **اهدنا الصراط المستقيم**

Guide us onto the straight path.

Attached to it is:

في الاعتقادات - With regards to beliefs.
في العبادات - With regards to all worship.
في المناكحات - With regards to matrimonial rights/duties
في المعاملات - With regards to all business related matters
في المعاشرات - With regards to all domestic matters, with family, neighbors, relatives etc…
في الاخلاقيات - With regards to one's personal character and personality،
الخلق الحسن - The foundation of all matters -
في الطريقات – With regards to Inheritance and estate planning.

The tendency of denying the heirs and changing matters to suit oneself, unmindful and oblivious of death whereas life truly only begins with death.

The journey of traversing the different stages is very long. It is thousands of years and requires sufficient provisions for the journey.

The journey's demands are ***provisions, transport, a guide, a road, a driver, protection from bandits and a visa.***

Surah Fatiha provides all of the above as follows…

1. Provisions as in 'You only do we worship' **إياك نعبد** ، in worshipping with the body, verbally, monetarily.
2. The conveyance as in **إياك نستعين** ، We mount with the help and assistance of Allah Ta'aala.
3. The road is in **اهدنا الصراط المستقيم** ، the correct path, the moderate path, the correct path being Islam, neither socialism nor capitalism. Some faiths have elevated their Prophets to Gods whilst others have debased them. Islam acknowledges their stature. As explained by the scholarly that Rasulullaah Sallalaahu Allaihi Wasallam:

1. بشر كالبشر ' human as human.
2. هو كالياقوت في الحجر ، a precious stone amongst stones.
3. هو كالعنب فى الثمر ، A grape amongst fruit
4. هو كالنخل فى الحجر ، like a date palm amongst trees.

Rasulullaah Sallalaahu Allaihi Wasallam life, death and conditions were not like ours, but of great stature and significance.

4. The driver **صراط الذين انعمت عليهم** ، the path of the righteous are four: the Prophets, the Truthful, the Martyrs & the Pious.
5. We sought safety and protection enroute from the bandits' **غير المغضوب عليهم و لا الضالين** ، the Jew, Christian and Mushrikeen.
6. At the close we read **آمين** ، which serves as our visa. Enter into the blissful Jannah.